

have seen now is a shrinking of the middle class. We have seen more unemployment in what used to be the middle class. Day after day, even as people are losing their jobs in this country, we still see companies shipping American jobs overseas and getting a tax break for doing it.

We have a lot of things on our plate to do to try to fix what is wrong. I am convinced we can. I have an effervescent spirit of hope that we can do these things, but we have to start now. Of those this morning who read in the paper that the unemployment rate is 10.2 percent, those who have lost their jobs fully understand what that number means. I hope all of us in this Chamber do as well. It requires from us an urgent priority to get to work and fix this problem.

I yield the floor.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to call the attention of the Senate to National Family Caregivers Month, sponsored by the National Family Caregivers Association. Every day more and more American families are put in the tough situation of taking care of their elderly loved ones. Caregivers are our friends, family, and neighbors who have become an instrumental part of providing the necessary care that their families need and deserve. Eighty percent of all homecare services today are provided by family caregivers, and I am proud to support them this month during National Caregivers Month. I have always been a strong supporter of family caregivers and have worked hard to make sure they get the resources and funding that they deserve.

It has been my privilege to do all I can here on the federal level to help in this endeavor. Recently, the Washoe County Senior Services Respite Care Program needed resources to provide nonmedical respite care for those suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's, and a host of other terrible diseases. I secured the necessary funding in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. When this act passes, it will allot \$95,000 to aid our seniors who are afflicted. And I am pleased that I was able to get bipartisan support for the passage of the Lifespan Respite Care Act. This act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award matching grants to eligible state agencies that are in desperate need for funding to help families.

As our fight for quality and affordable health care continues, I will make sure that our family caregivers get the support and resources that they need to continue this difficult task. We will do all we can during National Family Caregivers Month to give these dedicated family members the recognition they deserve.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "An individual has not started living

until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." I firmly believe that the National Family Caregivers Association characterizes this ideal. I wish this organization all the best as it works to raise awareness during National Family Caregivers Month.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1849. An act to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3276. An act to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution congratulating the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Nation.

The message further announced that it passed the bill (S. 748) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1849. An act to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3276. An act to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution congratulating the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the result of a public-private competition conducted on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8438-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8970-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3608. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State PM-10 Implementation Plan; Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 8975-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3609. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Air Quality Department and Maricopa County" (FRL No. 8902-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3610. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8971-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3611. A communication from the Chief of the Scientific Authority Division, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Chatham Petrel, Fiji Petrel, and Magenta Petrel as Endangered Throughout Their Ranges" (RIN1018-AV21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3612. A communication from the Director of Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Protections for the Gray Wolf in the Western Great Lakes in Compliance with Settlement Agreement and Court